

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers (33-3051)**

**Associated Occupation: Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers (43-5031)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 82

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	22.2	17.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Telecommunications	3.9	15.2	10.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Clerical	7.3	14.4	9.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Public Safety and Security	6.9	14.2	20.0	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Law and Government	5.9	12.0	17.9	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Psychology	6.4	10.4	16.2	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Communications and Media	5.3	9.8	7.7	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Geography	3.9	8.4	6.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Active Listening	11.0	14.4	13.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Speaking	10.8	13.1	12.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Coordination	9.1	10.8	10.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient

Social Perceptiveness	9.1	10.8	12.5	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	10.3	11.4	>	Skill level is likely sufficient

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Speech Recognition	9.9	15.7	11.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	14.0	11.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Selective Attention	8.7	13.3	11.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	12.4	10.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Perceptual Speed	7.4	10.1	9.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Time Sharing	6.6	9.4	9.6	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speed of Closure	5.9	8.6	8.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Memorization	5.6	8.1	5.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 87
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Communicate details in protective services settings	71	
Ensure correct grammar, punctuation, or spelling	48	
Follow law enforcement methods or procedures	76	
Follow police or emergency radio regulations	87	
Make decisions	24	
Manage detailed records or files in law enforcement setting	85	
Prepare reports	8	
Reach conclusions quickly in law enforcement situations	89	
Read maps	42	
Recognize public safety hazards	68	
Relay information to proper officials	82	

Use emergency medical procedures	64
Use intervention techniques	84
Use interviewing procedures	23
Use knowledge of geographic coordinates	85
Use local or regional geographical knowledge to transportation	70
Use oral or written communication techniques	1
Use rescue procedures	87
Use two-way radio or mobile phone	42

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 71

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Audio and visual equipment	4
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Network applications software	1
Personal communication devices	2
Teletype equipment	70

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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